



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On May 28, 2005, street signs will be placed in
3 John W. Waddy's honor on 33rd and 35th Streets in Chicago; they
4 will read "John W. Waddy Avenue"; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Waddy currently resides on South Giles Avenue
6 and is one of the oldest residents in the 2nd Ward; and

7 WHEREAS, He was born January 2, 1910, in Paris, Tennessee,
8 and moved to Chicago to his present address at the age of six
9 with his mother and four brothers; and

10 WHEREAS, He and his four brothers graduated from Stephen A.
11 Douglas Elementary School and Wendell Phillips High School; he
12 married Pocahontas Dawkins on June 18, 1929, and they had seven
13 children; and

14 WHEREAS, On April 17, 1944, he was drafted into the U.S.
15 Navy and served his country as a Petty Officer, Third Class; he
16 was honorably discharged on October 30, 1947; and

17 WHEREAS, He worked as a butcher at Harry's Grocery and
18 Market on 35th Street until he retired in the early 1960s;
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
22 we congratulate John W. Waddy on this achievement, his
23 commitment to his family, workforce, and country, and for
24 dedicating his entire life to community service, since 1919, to
25 the Gap-Bronzeville area; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
27 presented to John W. Waddy as an expression of our admiration
28 and esteem.